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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed June 2, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-13, 24, 26-27, and 30-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Tobita (USP 5,938,730). The Examiner next rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tobita. Claims 14 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tobita in view of Spix et al. (USP 5,179,702).

Applicant appreciates the allowability of claims 15-23.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5 which the Examiner indicated as allowable. Claim 5 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-4 and 6-14 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 24 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 28 which the Examiner indicated as allowable. Claim 28 has been canceled. Therefore, claims 24-27 and 29-31 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

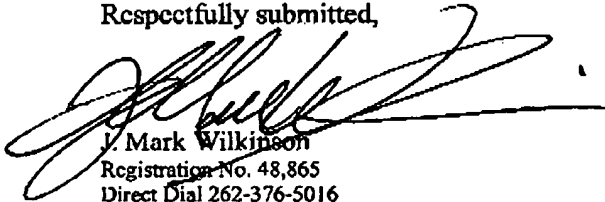
Claim 32, newly presented herein, is directed to the subject matter of claim 8 which the Examiner indicated as allowable. As such, claim 32 is believed allowable.

Please charge deposit account No. 50-2402 the amount of \$200.00 for entry of claim 32.

In light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-4, 6-27, and 29-32.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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